

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, John S. Wilson was born and raised in South Dakota and was truly proud of his roots as he promoted South Dakota and its outdoor opportunities to everyone he met; and,

Whereas, John loved to fish and hunt birds. He shared his love for the outdoors through his artwork and donated his time and talents freely to many worthy causes such as: conservation foundations to include Ducks Unlimited, Pheasants Forever, the Turkey Federation, and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. Many of these organizations used his artwork on a national level so it's impossible to calculate the true dollar value for his conservation efforts; and,

Whereas, He also gave back to his childhood home of Sisseton by donating his talents to the Nicollet Center a few miles west of Sisseton, South Dakota, where he painted a chronological mural and his donated artwork adorns the walls for all to see; and,

Whereas, John won his first stamp contest (South Dakota Pheasant Restoration Stamp) in 1979. He became the first South Dakota Artist to win the coveted Federal Duck Stamp competition in 1981 with a pair of Ruddy Ducks; and,

Whereas, Throughout the years, John won several contest such as: the South Dakota Pheasant Restoration Stamp again in 1981 and 1986, the South Dakota Waterfowl Restoration Stamp in 1986 and 1992, the South Dakota Habitat Stamp in 1990 and 1996, along with contests in South Carolina, Illinois, and Michigan; and,

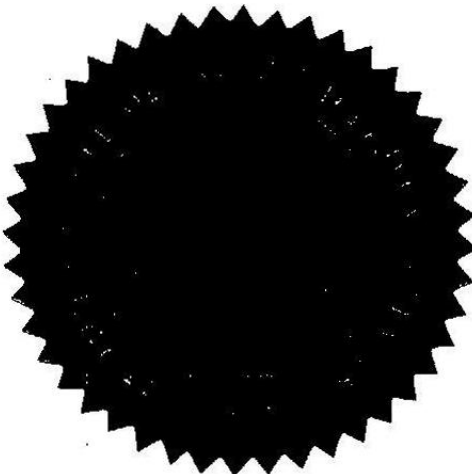
Whereas, John received many awards such as: the Ducks Unlimited Artist of the Year in 1985, the New Hampshire Duck Stamp Commissioners Award, received the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Outstanding Contributor Award in 1988, was illustrator for the Ducks Unlimited Canada book on North American Waterfowl, won the Ducks Unlimited Distinguished Service Award in 1990, and was awarded the National Ducks Unlimited Gold Palette and Chisel Award for his contributions to wildlife habitat; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper for the Governor to honor John Wilson's contributions of artwork:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim December 30, 2011, as

JOHN WILSON FEDERAL STAMP DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourteenth Day of December in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eleven.

Dennis Daugaard
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason M. Gan
Jason M. Gan, Secretary of State